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LETTER DATED 24 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters to you, the most recent being our letter No. 50 of 22 April 1991, I have the honour to inform you of further violations by Iran of the provisions of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran. The details are as follows:

1. On 21 April 1991, at 0400 hours, a self-contained unit composed of approximately three infantry regiments proceeding from Iranian territory under cover of two multi-barrelled vehicle-mounted rocket launchers and mortars (120 mm and 60 mm) attacked Iraqi forward units in the southern sector, travelling on the highway along Al Asmak lake. One hundred eighty bombs fell on the area.

2. On 22 April 1991, at 0300 hours, a unit having the strength of an infantry regiment advanced from Iranian territory and attacked Iraqi units in the same sector. At the same time, Iranian forces opened fire on Iraqi forward units in the sector using light arms and mortars (60 mm). A total of 12 bombs were dropped on the sector. At 0430 hours, Iraqi forces in the region were the target of shelling by the Iranians using bazookas and mortars. The shelling lasted for 30 minutes. Thirty rockets were fired.

3. On 22 April 1991, at 0430 hours, a unit having the strength of an infantry regiment advanced on the Iraqi post at Koteiba in the central sector and opened fire on Iraqi units using a variety of weapons. At 1800 hours, a unit proceeding from Iran shelled Iraqi forward units in the southern sector (Harithah-Basra area) using mortars (82 mm). Seven bombs were used.

4. On 23 April 1991, at 1130 hours, Iranian forces fired three shells on Iraqi forward units in the Huwayr Al-Huwaysah area in the southern sector.

These repeated, daily violations perpetrated by the Iranian side in breach of the provisions of the cease-fire between the two countries confirms the Iranian Government's deliberate and persistent desire to infringe Iraq's sovereignty and security. My country's Government once again affirms that it

holds the Iranian Government responsible for all damage sustained by Iraq as a result of these violations and for the future consequences of these violations.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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